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1. Dr. Tran Van Luan,* chief Rangoon representative of the Ho Chi Minh Government, visited Bangkok about the end of June or early July 1950.

2. Tran, who is a pharmacist by profession, went to Burma from Thailand after the November 1947 Coup d'Etat. He is a classmate of Dum Bunnag, brother of Dr. Duen Bunnag.**

3. The Viet Nam News Service, headed by Tran Van Luan, maintained contact with the Burmese Government, Indonesian representatives, and Chinese Communist leaders. At present, the Viet Minh has direct communications with Bangkok, Hanoi and Peiping. The leading Chinese Communist in Rangoon is a teacher in a Chinese school, whose name is CHEN Fung*** or SHIAN Wei-mei.

4. The Burma branch of the Viet Minh has infiltrated Burmese student groups.

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